ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FEBRUARY 5 – APRIL 9, 2027
Tuition Cost: $495.00
8 LIVE SUPPORT ZOOM CLASSES ON FRIDAYS 2:00 PM Central Time
9 INDIVIDUAL CRITIQUES ON TUESDAYS 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM Central Time
Painting Demonstrations, Step Photos & Text Instructions in Google Drive Folders

RECOMMENDED READING: ***Bakhita: From Slave to Saint*** **by Roberto Italo Zanini**
Bakhita: A Novel of the Saint of Sudan **by Veronique Olmi**

This class is open to INTERMEDIATE and basic level students who have previously studied with the Prosopon School of Iconology or with Faye Drobnic. Students should be able to mix their own paint and understand the Prosopon techniques of applying roskrish, highlights and floats. These skills are all taught in our beginning-level classes. Video painting demonstrations, step photos and text instructions will all be posted in Google Drive. Live Zoom classes will include explanations and discussions of the work, trouble-shooting, and individual critiques. Painting is done outside of the class period.



About St. Josephine Bakhita: Born in a small village in the Sudan in Africa around 1869, she was captured by Arab slave traders when she was 7-8 years old. Over the course of the next 12 years she was bought and sold about 5 times. As a slave, she endured great physical cruelty at the hands of her masters. In 1883 she was bought in Khartoum by the Italian Vice Consul Callisto Legnani and brought to Italy in 1885. In Italy Legnani gave Bakhita to his friends Augusto and Maria Turina Michieli, who lived near Venice. The Michielis used Bakhita as a nanny for their daughter Mimmina. In 1888 the family left both Bakhita and the child in the care of the Canossian sisters in Venice while they traveled for a year. There Bakhita encountered Christianity and eventually entered the Canossian religious order. She spent the rest of her life at the convent at Schio in the province of Vicenza in northern Italy, where she became known for her gentleness and her sanctity. She died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000.

STUDY FOCUS OF THE CLASS WILL BE PAINTING BLACK GARMENTS AND BLACK SKIN. The icon will be a three-quarters figure as illustrated above, with St. Josephine Bakhita holding both the shackles of her slavery and the book of prayers she used as a nun. Her garments are based on the historic photographs below.

BOARD SIZE:

- **10" x 15" or larger,** keeping the proportion about one and a half times as high as it is wide, either a flat board or a board with a kovcheg. Design can also be adapted by the student to other sizes of boards.
- **Boards should be ordered from one of the board makers listed on my website or any other board maker of your choice.**

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS, INCLUDING THE DRAWING AND PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS, WILL BE PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY IN GOOGLE DRIVE. A link to the Google Drive folder will be emailed to students upon registration. Each class will consist of video painting demonstrations, step photographs, and text instructions. The LIVE support classes each Friday will consist on an explanation and analysis of the work and the opportunity for individual live critiques. The LIVE support classes on Friday will also be recorded and the recordings will be added each week to the Google Drive folder. The supplementary Tuesday critique classes will not be recorded.

REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY EMAIL to steicon@aol.com. Include your name, physical mailing address, and the email address you want to use for the class. COST OF THE CLASS (TUITION) IS $495.00. All instruction posted in a Google Drive folder with unlimited access. Class includes Live Support Classes on Fridays and individual critiques on Tuesdays. REGISTRATION IS THROUGH PAYPAL. I will send you a PayPal invoice for the full amount, which can be paid with any credit or debit card of your choice or with Venmo. Registration is complete upon payment of the invoice.

ORDER YOUR BOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE from a board maker of your choice. Be sure to tell them that you need the board by the beginning of February. *Keep in mind that the board makers may need up to 8 weeks to make your boards.*

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



